

**STATE PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**STATEWIDE PLANNING PROGRAM**  
RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
One Capitol Hill  
Providence, RI 02908-5870

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**AMENDMENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

An amendment is being proposed to the **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the State of Rhode Island, October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2007**, as adopted by the State Planning Council on August 11, 2005.

The amendment is proposed by the RI Department of Transportation (RIDOT), and would add twelve projects not currently in the TIP that have been designated to receive earmarked funding by the federal transportation funding act, SAFETEA-LU, passed in August, 2005. This amendment will add these projects in a new category entitled "SAFETEA-LU Earmarked Projects" with funding as follows (to be distributed over four years):

- **Apponaug Bypass, Warwick** – \$27.5 million
- **Enhancements along Blackstone Valley Heritage Corridor** – \$1.13 million
- **Traffic Circulation and Road Surfacing, Downtown Providence** – \$6.25 million
- **Downtown Circulation Improvements, Providence** – \$2.5 million
- **Acquisition of Fee/Easement, trail construction, and site improvements, Foster** – \$1.25 million
- **Bury Power Lines at India Point, Providence** – \$3.13 million
- **Trails and Facility Improvements for the Colt State Park Bike Path, Bristol** – \$1.25 million
- **Open Space Acquisition to Mitigate Growth Associated with SR-4 and Interstate 95** – \$12.5 million
- **Commuter Rail in Rhode Island** – \$6.25 million
- **Intermodal Station in Warwick** – \$25 million
- **Weybosset Street (200 block) Streetscape and Drop-off Lane Improvements, Providence** – \$0.94 million
- **Handicapped Accessible Trail and Platform at Kettle Pond Visitor Center Facility, Charlestown** – \$0.20 million

The proposed amendment is available for review at the R.I. Statewide Planning Program between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and at the Program's website at [www.planning.ri.gov](http://www.planning.ri.gov). A copy may also be obtained by calling (401) 222-7901.

**The State Planning Council's Transportation Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendment during its regular meeting scheduled for:**

**Thursday, November 17, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Blackstone Valley Visitor Center  
175 Main Street  
Pawtucket, RI 02860

**The proposed amendment, together with any recommendations by its Transportation Advisory Committee, will be considered by the State Planning Council at its meeting scheduled for:**

**Thursday, December 8, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.**  
Conference Room C, Second Floor  
R.I. Department of Administration Building  
One Capitol Hill  
Providence, RI 02908

The meeting locations are accessible to handicapped persons. Those requiring any accommodation for disabilities must notify Ms. Patricia Greene at (401) 222-7901 not less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

All persons may present their views on these amendments in person, through a representative, or by filing a written statement with the Secretary of the State Planning Council, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. All comments must be received by the close of the hearing on November 17, 2005.

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John P. O'Brien  
Secretary  
State Planning Council

October 7, 2005



# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

## Interoffice Memorandum

October 4, 2005

**To:** John P. O'Brien, Secretary  
State Planning Council

**Department:** Administration

**From:** James R. Capaldi, P.E.  
Director of Transportation

**Department:** Transportation

**Subject: Request for TIP Amendment for New Earmark Projects in SAFETEA-LU**

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which became law in August, promises to significantly increase the federal transportation funding provided to Rhode Island through federal fiscal year 2009. While the structure of the federal highway funding programs generally remains the same, the increased funding to the State will come in the form of earmarked projects known in the bill as High Priority (HP) and Transportation Improvement (TI) Projects.

In order for the State to take advantage of this increased funding in a timely manner, planning and design activities on new HP and TI projects should begin as early as possible. Fortunately, many of the HP and TI projects are already in the TIP and work is progressing on design of those projects. Twelve projects, listed on the attached sheet, not currently in the TIP are designated by the bill to receive earmarked funding. This memo is to request that the TIP be amended to add these projects in a new category entitled "SAFETEA-LU Earmarked Projects" with funding shown as allocated by the federal legislation and displayed on the attached sheet.

Since these projects bring their own dedicated federal funding, there is no federal funding financial constraint issue. For a number of these projects, the State match will come from sources outside the State's highway fund. We fully expect the State to provide any additional matching funds necessary since the State will not turn back federal funds for lack of State match. RIDOT's Capital Budget submission this year included a request for the additional matching funds needed to receive all the projected SAFETEA-LU funding.

We thank you and the Transportation Advisory Committee for considering this amendment proposal.

cc: Kevin Flynn

## SAFETEA-LU Earmarked Projects

(Million Dollars)

Bill No.	Description in Bill	Federal Amount	Match Required	2006	2007	2008	2009	Total
HP-4842	Transportation Improvements for the Apponaug Bypass	\$22.00	\$5.50	\$11.00	\$5.50	\$5.50	\$5.50	<b>\$27.50</b>
HP-1599 HP-4852	Transportation Enhancements at Blackstone Valley Heritage Corridor	\$0.90	\$0.23	\$0.45	\$0.23	\$0.23	\$0.23	<b>\$1.13</b>
HP-4863	Improve traffic circulation and road surfacing in downtown Providence	\$5.00	\$1.25	\$2.50	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	<b>\$6.25</b>
HP-4859	Downtown Circulation Improvements Providence	\$2.00	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	<b>\$2.50</b>
HP-4849	Acquisition of fee or easement, construction of a trail, and site improvements in Foster	\$1.00	\$0.25	\$0.50	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	<b>\$1.25</b>
HP-4853	Bury the Power Lines at India Point	\$2.50	\$0.63	\$1.25	\$0.63	\$0.63	\$0.63	<b>\$3.13</b>
HP-4856	Construct trails and facility improvements for the Colt State Park Bike Path	\$1.00	\$0.25	\$0.50	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	<b>\$1.25</b>
TI-366 HP-4850	Open space acquisition to mitigate growth associated with SR-4 and Interstate 95, by non-profit land conservation agencies through acquisition of fee or easement, with a match requirement of 50% of the total purchase price	\$10.00	\$2.50	\$4.75	\$2.63	\$2.63	\$2.50	<b>\$12.50</b>
HP-4857	Improvements for the Commuter rail in Rhode Island	\$5.00	\$1.25	\$2.50	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	<b>\$6.25</b>
TI-364	To enhance the infrastructure surrounding and for transportation improvements relative to the intermodal station in Warwick	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$6.25	\$6.25	\$5.00	<b>\$25.00</b>
HP-4848	Weybosset Street (200 Block) Streetscape and Drop-off Lane Improvements - Providence	\$0.75	\$0.19	\$0.38	\$0.19	\$0.19	\$0.19	<b>\$0.94</b>
HP-616	Construct a handicapped accessible trail and platform at Kettle Pond Visitor Center Administrative Facility	\$0.16	\$0.04	\$0.08	\$0.04	\$0.04	\$0.04	<b>\$0.20</b>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$70.31</b>	<b>\$17.58</b>	<b>\$32.41</b>	<b>\$18.95</b>	<b>\$18.95</b>	<b>\$17.58</b>	<b>\$87.89</b>